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BENTON COUNTY FOLKS AT PICNIC

What proved a successful initial gathering was a get-together meeting and picnic of Benton Countians in Nashville at Shelby Park last Sunday. While the gathering was informal, definite plans were laid for an annual gathering of Benton Countians in Nashville, and it is believed the next affair will be even more enthusiastically received.

About two hundred natives of old Benton reside in the Rock City and the following families attended the above gathering: Governor T. C. Rye, W. E. Brown, Mrs. Etta Mullins, Miss Effie Holland, Mrs. Louise Boswell, Miss Luna Boswell, Mr. Ford, John S. Haley, W. T. Morris, Roy Brooks, Mrs. Joe Totty, Fate Browning, Mike Cain, C. H. Douglas, W. F. Lloyd, Will Robbins, Eugene Morris, J. G. Robbins, T. J. Billington, Mrs. Georgie Mitchell, J. M. Southall, John Thomas, Mrs. Cora Johnson and J. B. Anderson.

The gathering was not marked by any fixed program, the families spreading their lunches together and engaging in reminiscences of former associations. Some jests were pulled off at the expense of members of the party. For instance, W. T. Morris has become accustomed to a fad of modern society, being addicted to the evil of wearing socks. Some fifteen or twenty offered Mrs. Cora Johnson fried chicken, and all know she is so good and kind she could not refuse offers of this nature.

It was unanimous to make this an annual affair with one exception. When asked to state his objection, John Thomas said he wanted to make it every Sunday. It was a great day, and everybody enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

J. B. ANDERSON.

NEW CONSTITUTION.

Speaking of the need of a new State Constitution the Memphis Commercial Appeal says:

"A new Constitution in Tennessee is more than a party question. It concerns the very life of the State.

"Tennessee is a politically cursed State for the reason that our Constitution encourages the game of politics. Under our present system of laws we have an election almost every month in the year. Before a Governor's seat is warm he must devote one eye to two years hence. In some counties certain men are standing candidates.

"Our system of tax laws affords opportunity for graft. It brings a large number into politics. The fee system itself breeds politicians.

"If we would take away some of the opportunities for machine politics we would have more men in Tennessee earning a living in the sweat of their face instead of making money out of the labor of somebody else."

All the above is true. A new Constitution, new tax laws, a new system of remunerating officials, new system of accounting and new methods of expenditure are crying issues in Tennessee.

We rejoice to see an awakening in these matters. Tennessee's growth is being retarded by an out-of-date Constitution, archaic tax laws and the fee system. There are too many elections, too many officials and too much private legislation. We need a more efficient system of education. We need to prevent the corrupt purchase of

poll tax receipts. Our criminal prosecutions cost too much, and legislators should be ineligible to hold office created by themselves.

BAKERVILLE.

Mrs. Ulla Wyatt is the guest of Mrs. John Buchanan.

George B Smith is at Waverly for a few days this week.

John Woods has been visiting Charles Bell on Birdsong.

Mrs. Tereca Allen of Clarksville is visiting Mrs. Charles Bell.

Miss Ollie Buchanan visited Mrs. Clem Buchanan Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Dailey of Sycamore has been visiting Mrs. Dessie Buchanan.

All crops are under water and the outlook for the farmer is anything but promising.

The young folks are looking forward to the ice cream supper on Blue Creek Saturday night.

We are always glad to get The Chronicle, which has our best wishes, and we will look for the news from Eagle Creek.

Misses Carrie and Cassie Parnell were week-end guests of Miss Ollie Buchanan. The young ladies attended the foot-washing at Buffalo, and deny getting wet, but we think they got it alright.

GONE TO REST.

Mrs. A. G. Brown of Holladay, aged 73, died Thursday, July 13, at 5 a. m., of pellagra. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Joe L. Netherland of Clarksburg, and the burial took place at Shiloh Cemetery Friday. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Christian Church, and was held in high esteem by neighbors and friends. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom survive her—Mrs. A. J. Mealer, H. J. Brown and Miss Maggie Brown of Holladay, Mrs. P. A. Yates and J. D. Brown of Camden and George W. Brown of Johnsonville. "So He giveth His beloved sleep." Her children and her grandchildren shall rise up and call her blessed.

Those wanting to buy homes or farming lands, pasture lands and other lands, call on the Benton County Realty Company.

LONG SERVICE FITS A MAN

For Important Action Under Trying Conditions.

Democratic candidates are being nominated for Congress. In the majority of the districts in Tennessee the present members have opposition. This is natural for there are always those who are ambitious to fill office, and it makes little difference how efficient a member may be or how diligent he may have been in performing his duties he will most likely find one or more aspiring to fill his seat.

There are times and conditions when it does not make so much difference who represents a district in Congress and there are times also when it makes a very great difference. There has not been a time in many years when it was so important as now that our most efficient and best equipped men should be sent to Congress. The Democratic party is on trial, big issues are being considered, questions of international importance are to be dealt with, and the President needs the service and advice of the very ablest men.

Long service fits a man for important action under trying conditions. When a great crisis comes capable and experienced men are needed. When great issues of government are to be considered, as they are being considered by the present administration, it is important to have men of training, experience and familiarity with the work, to aid in giving to the country the very best results possible. The success of the Democratic party and the material development of the country depends largely upon the energy, ability and the effective service of our representatives in Congress.

In the Eighth District Mr. Sims, one of the most capable members of the present Congress, with a record for service that should commend him most favorably to the entire district, is being opposed by a clever young man, Dudley Porter of Paris. While Mr. Porter possesses some ability and in the course

of time might make a successful member of Congress, yet this is more or less problematical, for he has no record of public service from which to judge and his ability is not so extraordinary as to make certain a brilliant or useful career. There are, no doubt, many in the district who would like to be honored with a seat in Congress, but this is not the time for inexperienced and untried men. The nation and party need men of experience and known ability and for this reason if for no other Mr. Sims should be renominated and reelected.—Carroll County Democrat.

LUTERTON.

Pafford's school will open the fifth Monday in July.

J. M. Beaton and family visited J. W. Belyew Saturday.

Tom Belyew spent a few days last week near Point Mason.

Miss May Belyew has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Mattie Beaton.

A number from here attended children's services at Mt. Zion last Sunday.

Dee Holland has returned to Henry County, after spending his vacation here.

Miss Bobbie Belyew is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Dollie Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wynn of Faxon visited the family of John Jones last week.

The river is still rising, causing our farmers to become disheartened over crop prospects.

FOR SALE.

We have been authorized by the Board of Education of Camden to sell the Benton Seminary building on College Hill. If interested call on

MIKE B. FRX,
A. L. HASSELL,
Committee

In Chota Nagpur, India, there are 260 German mission schools. These have received a grant-in-aid from the British Government to tide them over during the period in which support from German sources has lapsed.

Rub-My-Tism—antiseptic, anodyne—kills pain, stops putrefaction

"JIMMIE" EZELL MODEL PRISONER

"Jimmie" Ezell, a frequent Camden visitor many years ago, who is now a life prisoner in the Western Penitentiary in Pittsburgh, sent up eleven years ago for murder at Uniontown, Pa., was visited the other day by Eugene Travis and wife by special permission of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Jimmie is a son of W. W. Ezell of Mansfield, Henry County, former tobacco buyer and well-known in Camden where he comes sometimes to buy junk. As related to The Chronicle, the boy, who is now 36 years old, was "railroaded" for an offense he committed in self-defense. But a stranger in a strange land, his case was hurried through the courts and a verdict of electrocution rendered. This verdict was such an apparent miscarriage of justice the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

As a prisoner he is a favorite with prison officials and is extended unusual liberties for a life term by Warden John Francis. He has charge of the officers dining room, and thus is given food and other delicacies not obtainable by fellow prisoners. Prison officials say he is one of the best inmates in the penitentiary, and they even admit it would be good news to them if he could obtain a pardon.

From a 110 pound strapping he has developed into a 200-pound man. He retains membership in the order of Railway Telegraphers, and they have befriended him more than once. Gene carried him The Chronicle and Pittsburgh papers and a bag of fruit. The prison rules are so rigid Mrs. Travis was not permitted to see young Ezell. Plans are under way toward appealing for a full pardon.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, will meet with Mrs. W. M. Kincannon Tuesday, July 25, with the following program:

Song. Prayer.
Bible lesson, "My gift a means of grace"—Proverbs xi 24-25 and II. Corinthians ix 6 to 9.
Presentation of stewardship, Mrs. G. P. Hicks.
Korean Life in America, Mrs. A. S. Justice.
Evangelistic Work in Korea, Mrs. Mollie Bowles.
Items from the Bulletin, Mrs. Kincannon.

"The tithe is God's cure for covetousness."

"Consecrated money usually results in systematic giving."

"We live by dying to ourselves; we die by living to ourselves."

"You will never win the world for Christ by your spare cash."

More than a million jobs in the United States, it is authoritatively stated, are closed to the man who drinks intoxicated liquors. And this means that the employee should not only abstain while on duty but that he should not frequent drinking places while off duty.

"Camden has some of the best people in the world, but its the dirtiest town I ever saw."

No. 666 will cure chills and fever. It is the most speedy remedy we know.

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